(c) and (d) Apart from arranging industrial training for the students during their pre-final year, the Training and Placement Section or each I.I.T. keeps close and constant liaison with the Indian Industries/Organisations to ensure that the students get not only a job but a place where their talents could be utilised. By these efforts, a large number of students are selected by the Indian Industries/Organisations every year through Campus interviews.

Foreign Naval Strength in the Indian Ocean

2363. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of foreign countries have increased their naval strength in the Indian Ocean;

(b) if so, the names of the countries whose Naval Ships are in the Indian Ocean;

(c) whether the increase in the number of Naval Ships by foreign powers has resulted in threat to the security of India; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Among these are ships from the USA, USSR, France, Italy, Belgium and Netherlands.

(c) and (d) Government are sized of the situation and all efforts are made to ensure the country's security.

Attack by Iranian Press on India and Nuclear Policy

2364. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report published in 'The Hindu' dated 8th February 1988, to the effect that the Iranian daily attacks Delhi's Nuclear Policy and India has been described as a "reactionary country of the region" and Radio Tehran has been running commentaries about how Gulf-based Indians have been converting to Islam and Iranian media carrying anti-India propaganda; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government and what measures have been taken to prevent such anti-Indian publicity in Iran?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The views expressed in the Iranian daily do not necessarily reflect the Iranian Government's position on the subject. The question of anti-India propaganda by the Iranian media has been taken up with the Iranian authorities from time to time with positive results.

Bogus cases in Lok Adalats

2365. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received information that a large number of bogus cases under the minor acts, preventive sections of Cr. P.C. etc. are being prepared by officers merely to indicate that a large number of cases got disposed of in the Lok Adalats;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to ensure that such fake cases and fake figures do not spoil the spirit and intention of Lok Adalats; and

(c) whether any review of the working and outcome of Lok Adalats has been done, if so, what is the qualitative and quantitative feedback regarding the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) No formal complaint has been received by the Government on such score. However, when such a rumour was picked up in the State of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, the matter was looked into by Executive Chairman of Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes and it transpired that no new cases were concocted for Lok Adalat disposal but many pending minor offences were included for disposal and got disposed of. By and large, the Lok Adalats take up cases pertaining to motor accident claims, matrimonial, minor disputes between the parties individuals, cases pertaining to land pattas, railway claims, etc.

(b) The Lok Adalats are often supervised by senior officers of the Legal Aid and Advice Boards and, wherever practicable, even by the Executive Chairman of the Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes who is a serving Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

(c) No formal All-India review of the working of Lok Adalats has been done. However, as the Lok Adalats are often attended by the Executive Chairman, CILAS, and other officers, there is constant feed-back regarding the activities and achievements of Lok Adalats being held in various parts of the country. It has been clearly established that Lok Adalats have been very successful in settling a very large number of motor vehicle accident claims cases as also in tackling the family disputes quickly. Peoples' confidence in the efficacy of this institution is on the increase.

Israel Consulate in Bombay

2366. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Israel is having a Consulate in Bombay; and

(b) if so, when it was permitted to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Israeli Consulate in Bombay has been functionfng since July, 1951.

Recruitment Camps

2367. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start more Recruitment Camps in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such camps likely to be opened in the country during the year 1988-89 Statewise; and

(c) the total number of such camps opened in Bihar, if any, during the year 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) There are no recruiting camps in the Army. Only recruiting officers are in existence. There is a proposal to open the following Zonal Recruiting Office and Branch Recruiting Offices in a phased manner, after finalisation of the Seventh Army Plan:

(i) Bihar	—	
(ii) Gujarat	—	1 B.R.O,
(iii) Maharashtra	—	cacl
(iv) Rajasthan	—	
(v) Uttar Pradesh	—	1 Zonal Recruiting Office
	—	2 BROs
(vi) West Bengal	—	1 B.R.O.

No recruiting office was opened in Bihar during 1987-88.